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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM (RBP): VISIT OF THE HONORABLE
DATUK HORMAT RAFEI, CHIEF MINISTER OF SELANGOR STATE
AND CHAIRMAN OF SELANGOR STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
PETALING JAYA

1. THE HONORABLE DATUK HORMAT RAFEI, CHIEF MINISTER
(EQUIVALENT TO GOVERNOR OF U.S. STATE), STATE OF SELANGOR
AND CHAIRMAN, SELANGOR STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WILL
BE LEADING A DELEGATION COMPRISING NINE TOP-RANKING OFFICIALS
OF SELANGOR STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SSDC) FOR A STUDY
TOUR TO THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 27 AND OCTOBER 11,
1978. THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE DELEGATION'S VISIT ARE:-
1. TO STUDY METHODS OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSING
PROJECTS WITH EMPHASIS ON DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF LOW-COST
AND MEDIUM-COST HOUSES/APARTMENTS;
2. TO VISIT INDUSTRIAL AREAS WITH EMPHASIS ON THOSE ZONED FOR
LIGHT INDUSTRIES (A SPECIAL PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED WITH
TRACTORS MALAYSIA FOR A VISIT TO CATERPILLAR COMPANY IN PEORIA); AND
3. TO STUDY METHODS OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ROAD/
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN SATELLITE TOWNS/NEW TOWNS.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, THE SSDC HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S
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ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SPECIFIC ITINERARIES PLANNED TO MATCH THE
BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS OF THE GROUP'S MEMBERS. THE ITINERARIES
MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, PREARRANGED PLANT VISITS AND BUSINESS
APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. COMPANIES AND FEDERAL AND
STATE OFFICIALS AND RECEPTIONS. ALSO, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTOCOL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GROUP'S MEMBERS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY
ACKNOWLEDGED. ALL EXPENSES INCURRED INCIDENTAL THERETO WILL

BE BORNE BY THE CORPORATION.

4. DATUK (AN HONORIFIC TITLE) HORMAT RAFEL, AGE 51, WAS SWORN IN AS CHIEF MINISTER, SELANGOR STATE ON APRIL 19, 1976. A FORMER BUILDING CONTRACTOR, HE CAME INTO POLITICS ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1963 WHEN HE WON THE TELOK DATUK BY-ELECTION AND WAS APPOINTED A STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR. HE HAS SERVED FOR FOUR TERMS AND WAS RETURNED UNOPPOSED IN THE 1974 GENERAL ELECTION. THE CHIEF MINISTER WAS IN CHARGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING WHEN THE SELANGOR STATE GOVERNMENT ADOPTED A CABINET-STYLE OF GOVERNMENT IN 1974. IN THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN JUNE, HE WAS RE-ELECTED WITH A OVERWHELMING MAJORITY. THE CHIEF MINISTER IS THE HEAD OF THE KUALA LANGGAT DIVISION OF THE UNITED MALYS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, THE MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL FRONT PARTY (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ALLIANCE PARTY) WHICH HAS BEEN IN POWER SINCE MALAYSIA'S INDEPENDENCE IN 1953.

5. THE SELANGOR STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE SELANGOR STATE GOVERNMENT AS A STATUTORY BODY TO ORGANIZE ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE STATE, IN PARTICULAR IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND HOUSING.

6. GIVEN BELOW ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION:-

1. THE HONORABLE DATUK HORMAT RAFEL, CHIEF MINISTER, SELANGOR STATE AND CHAIRMAN, SSDC
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II. MR. ROSEDIN HAJI YAACOB, DIRECTOR, SSDC

III. MR. TONG KOK MAU, DIRECTOR, SSDC

IV. THE HONORABLE DATUK CHEONG JIN HOE, DIRECTOR, SSDC

V. THE HONORABLE DATUK BAHARUDDIN ABU KASSIM, DIRECTOR, SSDC

VI. THE HONORABLE DATUK WAN MANSOR ABDULLAH, SELANGOR STATE SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR, SSDC

VII. TUAN HAJI MOHD. NOR HAJI ISMAIL, GENERAL MANAGER, SSDC

VIII. MR. MOHD. ZAKARIA ABD. NAAF, CHIEF ENGINEER, SSDC

IX. MR. A KUNASINGAM, CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER, SSDC

X. MR. GO GIM TENG, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (FINANCE), SSDC

7. THE TENTATIVE ITINERARY OF THE DELEGATION IS:-

DEPART DATE TIME ARRIVE

K.L. 9/22 0930 H.K.

H.K. 9/23 1250 SEOUL

SEOUL 9/27 2130 HONOLULU

HONOLULU 9/30 0900 L. ANGELES

L. ANGELES 10/3 1025 SAN DIEGO

SANDIEGO 10/7 1030 CHICAGO

CHICAGO 10/11 1930 LONDON

LONDON 10/16 1945 K.L.

ARRIVE DATE TIME FLIGHT HOLTEL

H.K. 9/22 1450 MH-12 ARRANGED BY AIRLINE
SEOUL
SEOUL 9/23 1700 KE-614 TOKYO HILTON
HONOLULU 9/27 1100 KE-006 HAWAII VIL.
L. ANGELES 9/30 1710 UA-114 L.A. HILTON
SAN DIEGO 10/3 1100 UA-405 BEING ARRANGED
CHICAGO 10/7 1650 UA-200 CONRAD HILTON
LONDON 10/12 0900 BA-274 KENSINGTON HILTON
K.L. 10/17 1745 MH-001

8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IT GREATLY IF COMMERCE COULD ASK
DISTRICT OFFICES CONCERNED IN CITIES WHERE DELEGATION VISITS
TO PROVIDE EVERY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE FURNISH US WITH
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SPECIFIC INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS, FEDERAL
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AND STATE OFFICIALS AS WELL AS NAMES OF COMMERCE PROJECT
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